

ATTACHMENT A
Remarks

Claims 1, 2 and 4-20 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 13, 14, 17, 19 and 20, and canceled claims 3 and 18. Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance based on the discussion which follows.

Claims 3-6 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. With regard to claim 3, it was alleged that claim 3 was awkward for reciting the phrase "hoisting...are connected." By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claim 3, thereby rendering the rejection to claim 3 now moot. However, Applicant has incorporated the subject matter previously recited in claim 3 into claim 2 (currently amended), addressing the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection by rewording the aforementioned phrase in order to enhance clarity, but not to alter the scope of the subject matter in any way. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to claim 2 is in compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Finally, with regard to claim 13, Applicant has removed the "such as" phrase, thereby rendering the rejection to claim 13 now moot.

Claims 2 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Abdallah et al. However, claims 3-6 and 13 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; and claims 7-12, 14-16 and 18-20 were objected to as being dependent upon a dependent claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form. By this Amendment, as described above, Applicant has amended claim 13 to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection, and has amended claim 2 to incorporate the subject matter

previously recited in claim 3, while addressing the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection.

Further, by this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 2, 7, 14, 17, 19 and 20, as discussed during the telephonic Examiner Interview on July 2, 2008. In particular, claim 2 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 3, whereby claim 2 (currently amended) corresponds to the subject matter previously covered by allowable claim 3. In addition, Applicant has rewritten each of claims 7, 14, 17, 19 and 20 to include the subject matter of claim 2, thereby representing allowable subject matter, as indicated in the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

END REMARKS